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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

PRELIMINARY SITUATION REPORT NO 32

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Two BRASS KNOB missions, [REDACTED]  
Preliminary analysis of aerial photography from these missions reveals the following items of interest:

1. SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD

No aircraft observed on the 40 percent of the airfield visible. Seven possible BEAGLE fuselage shipping crates and 2 possible BEAGLE fuselages are on the parking apron. Eight fuselage crates were observed on [REDACTED]

2. HOLGUIN AIRFIELD

About 30 small crates are visible in an area of open storage. Three FAGOT and one small single-engine aircraft are present. Scattered clouds limit interpretation.

3. CAIBARIEN PORT

Only numerous small craft observed.

4. CARDENAS PORT

One freighter and one launch are at the pier. Clouds limit interpretation.

5. CASILDA PORT

Numerous small craft are in the area. No military activity observed on the piers or access roads.

6. CIENFUEGOS PORT

Five motor torpedo boats and two Kronstadt-class PC's are in port. Construction continues on the two new piers northwest of the port. A dredge and an unidentified vessel are by the piers.

7. HAVANA PORT

No report. Area is cloud-covered.

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9. MARIEL NAVAL PORT

Equipment at Mariel City Pier includes 14 BEAGLE fuselage shipping crates, 9 BEAGLE fuselages, 2 cranes, 19 fuel or oxidizer trailers, and numerous vehicles or pieces of equipment throughout the area. No missile erectors are present.

Equipment at La Boca Pier includes 7 missile erectors, one possible missile erector and approximately 6 vehicles.

Vessels observed at Mariel City Pier include one freighter being loaded and 2 patrol craft. At the Naval Air Station are 4 KOMAR-class PCMG and one patrol craft. One patrol frigate, 4 patrol craft, and numerous small craft are in the port area.

10. MATANZAS PORT

No merchant or naval vessels observed in the harbor.

11. SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT

One large freighter is at the north quay, one ore carrier is at the east side of the harbor and two ore carriers and one barge are on the northwest side of the harbor.

No apparent change noted in facilities from [REDACTED]

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12. CASILDA MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA

Twenty-four possible oxidizer trailers and at least 45 vehicles observed. Nine large tents noted.

13. LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE

Site appears abandoned. No launch equipment or military vehicles observed.

14. MAYARI ARriba MILITARY INSTALLATION

Approximately 60 vehicles are visible. No apparent change noted in facilities from [REDACTED] Scattered clouds limit interpretation.

15. HOLGUIN AREA MILITARY CAMP

Forty-six tanks or self-propelled guns and at least 200 vehicles or pieces of equipment observed. Nine AAA positions observed but their occupancy could not be determined. Trenches are being constructed around the perimeter of the camp. Scattered clouds limit interpretation.

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16. REMEDIOS AREA MILITARY CAMP

No significant change is noted at this camp from [REDACTED]

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17. SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA MILITARY CAMP

Oblique photography shows the area remains active but further interpretation is not possible.

18. SANTA BRIGIDA MILITARY ACTIVITY

No report. Area cloud-covered.

19. ARTEMISA MILITARY CAMP

Camp contains approximately 130 vehicles parked throughout the area. Eight buildings are complete and 15 buildings are in various stages of construction. Construction may have just begun on 2 of these buildings. The clearing 4.5 nautical miles northeast of the main camp contains approximately 17 canvas-covered unidentified objects. A total of 156 vehicles, including tanks and trucks, were present in the camp on [REDACTED]

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20. MENDOZA O ISABEL RUBIO TRANSSHIPMENT POINT

No BEAGLE fuselage shipping crates and no military activity observed here.

21. LA COLOMA PORT

No large vessels and no naval ships observed at La Coloma Port. Numerous small craft are present. There has been no apparent change in facilities since [REDACTED].

22. NUEVITAS PORT

A freighter, possibly the [REDACTED] is in port with three BEAGLE fuselages and four BEAGLE fuselage crates on deck.

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Two large tents and numerous boxcars are in the immediate port area.

STATUS OF MISSION READOUT

PI readout of Missions [REDACTED] is complete. Immediate photographic interpretation reports (IPIRs) on these missions will be published as NPIC/R-1125/62 and NPIC/R-1126/62.

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